

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
Board Meeting November 17, 2004

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Steve Sanford, Vice Chair  
Diane Drake  
Dave Meldrum  
Thomas Schulz

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary  
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney  
Tricia Holland, Extern with AG's Office  
Daphne Mack, Paralegal with AG's Office

Cognizant Board Member, Diane Drake, established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. was **called to order** at 10:18 a.m.

**Nomination for Vice Chair:** Mr. Meldrum nominated Steve Sanford as vice chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Sanford. Mr. Schulz nominated himself as vice chair. No second was made. The motion nominating Steve Sanford as vice chair was **approved** by the Board.

**Minutes:** Mr. Sanford made a motion, Ms. Drake seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes from the August 11, 2004 meeting.

**Notice of borrower default on repayment of student loan on Kay R. Strickland:** Mr. Schulz made a motion that the Board **suspends** Kay R. Strickland's license to practice as a Dispensing Optician, License Number LDO01923, for failure to repay a student loan, and further moves that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drake and was approved by the Board.

**Correspondence from Neil Mirman regarding who is allowed to write prescriptions for contact lenses:** The Board requested that a response be sent to Mr. Mirman that 43-29-18(b) over-rides 43-29-2(2) as it relates to limitations concerning what type of physician can write a valid contact lens prescription.

**Correspondence from Vision Council of America regarding continuing education approval:** Ms. Drake made a motion to **deny** blanket approval for the continuing education submitted and require that an application be submitted for each program provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meldrum and was approved by the Board.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
Board Meeting November 17, 2004

**Rule 420-4-.02 All Work Under Supervision of Licensed Dispensing Optician:** Mr. Schulz made a motion, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to post the rule.

**420-4-.01 All Work Under Supervision of Licensed Dispensing Optician**

Any trainee, apprentice, unlicensed optician, or any other person working under a licensed dispensing optician, optometrist, or physician shall not do optical dispensing unless he/she is working under the direct supervision of a licensed dispensing optician, optometrist, or physician and does not hold himself/herself out to the public generally as a dispensing optician. Direct supervision shall mean daily, onsite, close contact while optical dispensing is taking place within the retail establishment.

**Ratify list of newly issued licenses:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the newly issued licenses.

License No.	Name	License Type
<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>		
LDO001400	Stewart, Jeff B.	Dispensing Optician
LDO001607	Moore-Carter, Anna S.	Dispensing Optician
LDO001214	Hays, Julie A.	Dispensing Optician
LDO001836	Dills, Donald Scott	Dispensing Optician
LDO001657	Smith, Timothy M.	Dispensing Optician
LDO000888	Parker, Forrest R., Jr.	Dispensing Optician
LDO001462	Odom, Arthur Ray	Dispensing Optician
LDO000645	Siegrist, Harry E., III	Dispensing Optician
LDO001764	Kerr, Nicole S.	Dispensing Optician
LDO001480	Harper, Shannon	Dispensing Optician
<b>NEWLY ISSUES LICENSES</b>		
LDOA000005	Martin, Shelley Yvonne	Dispensing Optician Apprentice
LDOA000006	Johnson, Rodney Cerone	Dispensing Optician Apprentice
LDO-002009	Abernathy, Janice Lynn	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002010	Buckley, Howard L.	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002011	Chastain, Jennifer Rena	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002012	Chastain, William C.	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002013	Chisholm, James J	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002014	Murphy, Carrie Darsey	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002015	Doyens, Laura Christine	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002016	Abdul-Mateen, Sadique	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002017	Beltre, Angela M.	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002018	Biber, Artem	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002019	Scarborough, David	Dispensing Optician

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**  
**Board Meeting November 17, 2004**

LDO-002020	Moore, Michael Joseph	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002021	Patel, Bina Pratish	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002022	Green, Melendy Jean	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002023	Hoang, Linh Thuy	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002024	Newkirk, Meike Astrid	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002025	Parham, Gary Howard	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002026	Polley, John William	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002027	Sedlacek, Julie Hansen	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002028	Stall, Jennifer Lee	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002029	Story, Bridget Michelle	Dispensing Optician
LDO-002030	Tippins, Dani D	Dispensing Optician

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Discussion occurred surrounding the number of people acquiring an Apprentice license and whether, with the implementation of the program, there will be a limit on the number of people entering the profession. Concern was expressed with the approaching grandfather time period of July 1, 2005.
- The Board requested that a representative from the examination section meet with the Board and address:
  - Examination validation;
  - Having the lenses that used in the exams checked by Colts Corporation in Florida, the sizes added back to the frames and having the lensometers calibrated;
  - Discuss the review process with failing examination candidates – are questions missed identified or deficiencies identified in the review process; and
  - How the examination scoring is done.

Ms. Drake made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on and receive information on applications and O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on and receive information of disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meldrum and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Mr. Sanford and Mr. Schulz. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**J.M.B. – Apprentice applicant:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the application.

**REPORTS:**

**Anita Martin, Executive Director**

- **Case #DISP030005** – Refer back to enforcement to subpoena personnel and dispensing records for July 2003 and July 2004, go back to the facility and see if unsupervised dispensing is still taking place. If so, issue Cease & Desist.
- Discussed the new renewal process

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Board Meeting November 17, 2004

- Newsletter items will include apprentice licenses, Board actions and nametag requirement

**Diane Drake, Cognizant Board Member**

- **Cases #DISP040033, DISP040034, and DISP040035:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to **close** the cases, **refer** to Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs since this appears to be a violation of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act and forgery of a state license.
- **Case #DISP050004:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to refer to the Board Attorney for a **summary suspension and revocation** for violation of a consent order.
- **Case #DISP040036:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to **close** the case.
- **Case #DISP040028:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to **close** the case.

**Bob Sise, Enforcement Report**

- Reported on 5 cases

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 P.M.

**Minutes recorded by:**

Susan Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director